

# UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE - 8 Feb 31 January 1955		2. LOCATION Pittsfield and Detroit, Maine		12. CONCLUSIONS  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <b>VENUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 08/1000 Z FEB GMT 31/0950Z Jan 55		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 15 min Thirty (30) Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE E to W, changing course, W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object resembled a bright blue-white star, generally the size and shape of a four (4) foot circular saw. The edges of the object were sharply outlined. The object did not explode, break up, or give off smoke or exhaust of any kind, although it did tend to flicker at times.				11. COMMENTS Concur with the conclusions of the investigation officer that these sightings were caused by the planet Venus.	



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SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Object's Appearance and Course

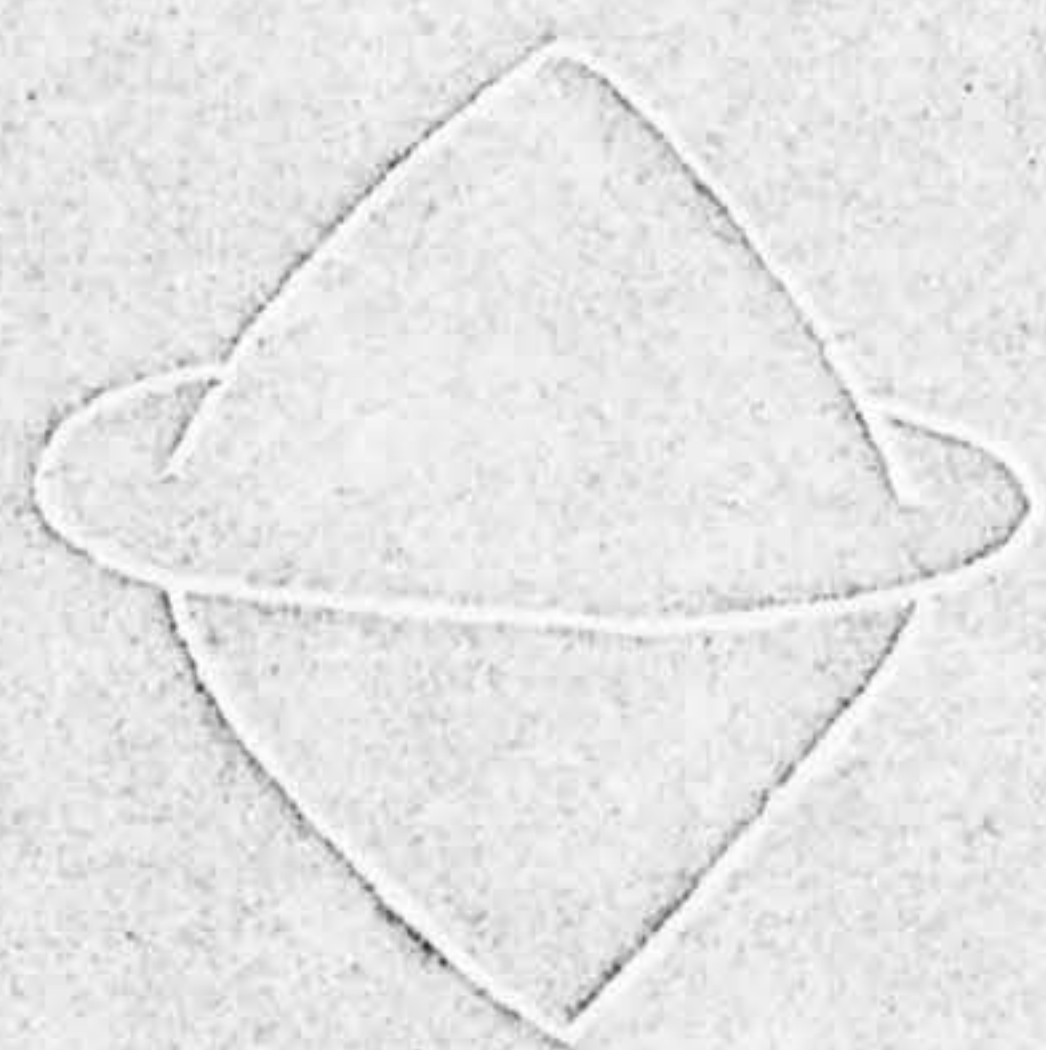


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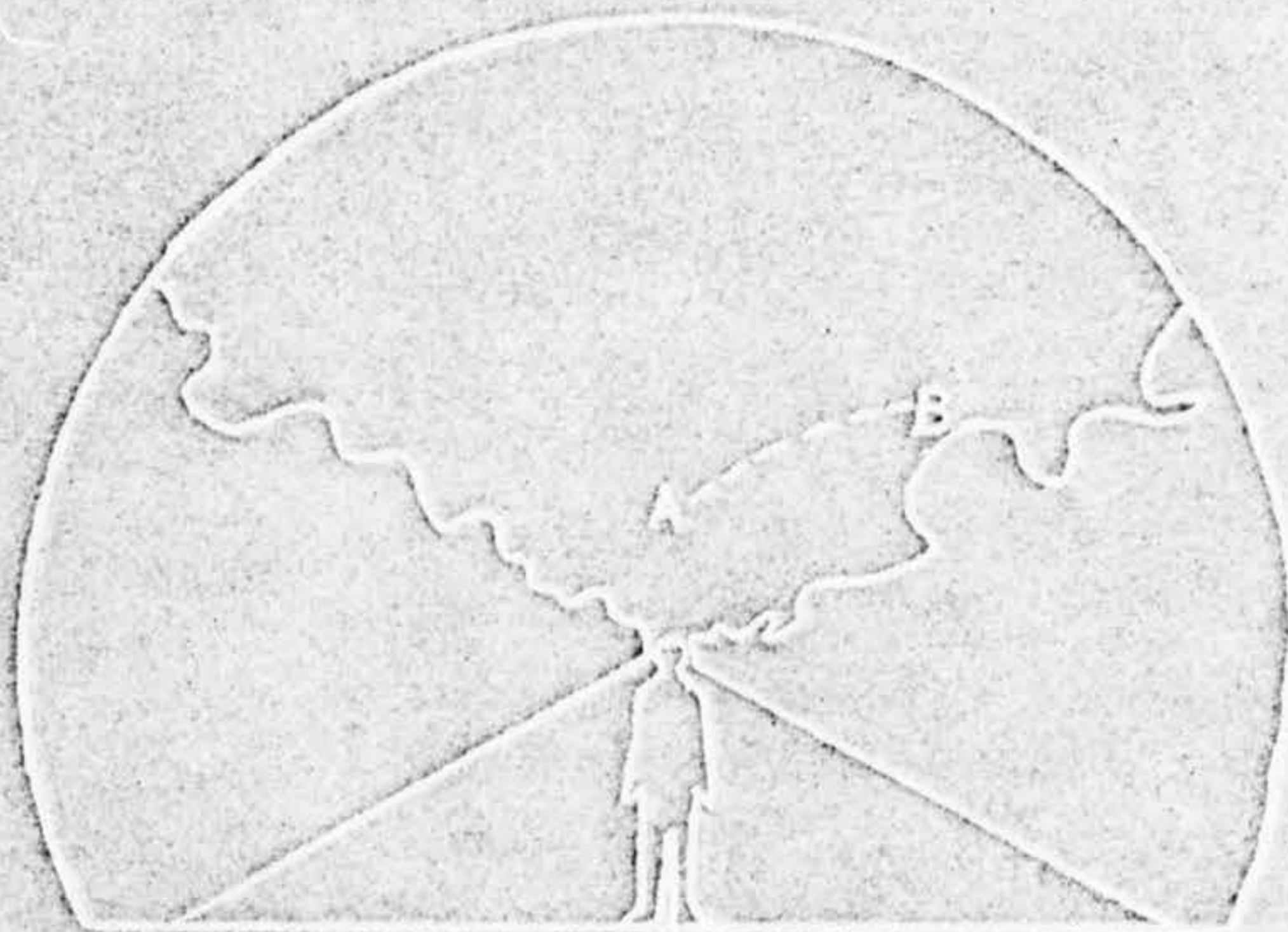


Fig. 2  
A - Position of object when first seen  
B - Position of object when last seen

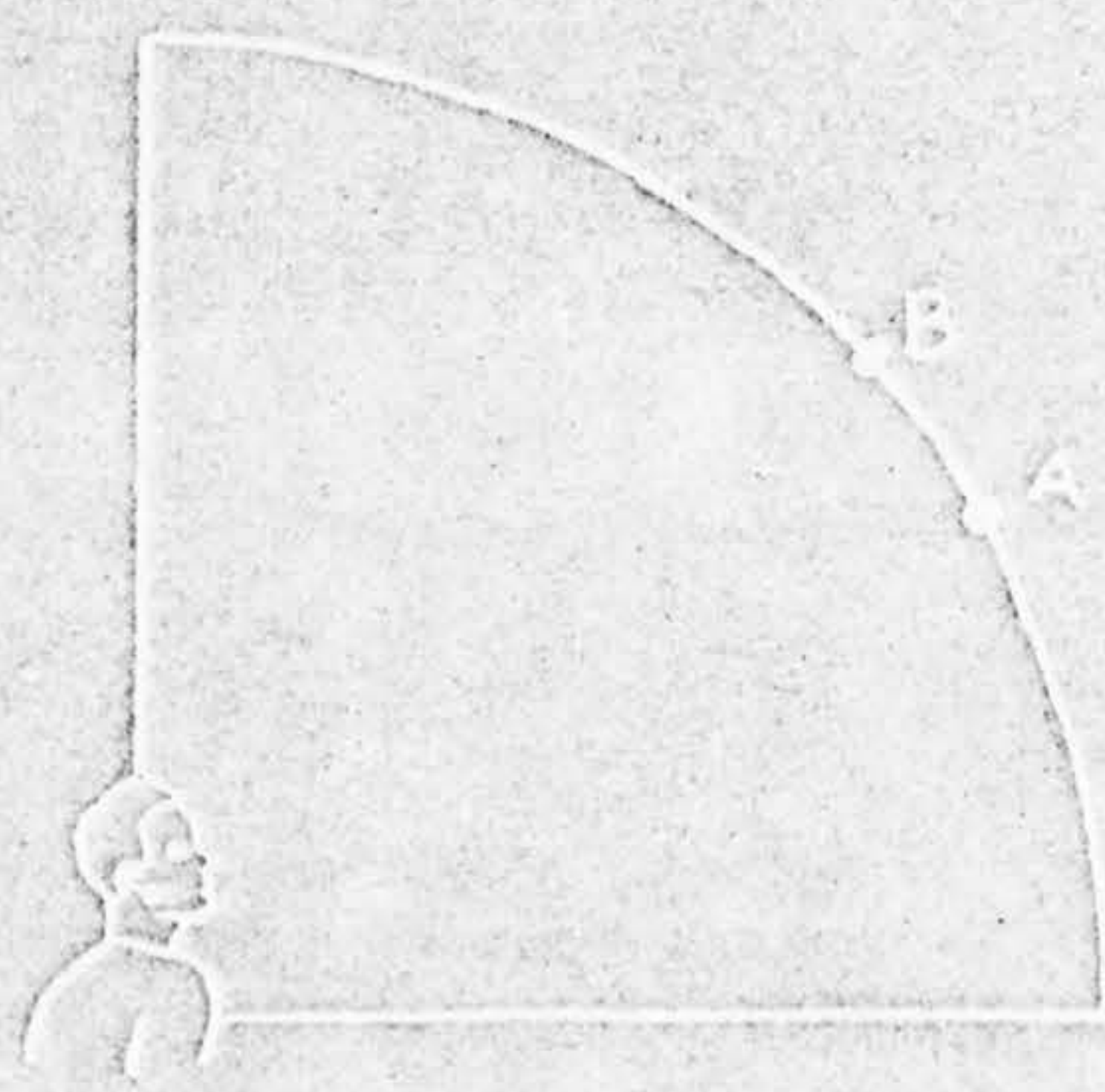


Fig. 3  
A - Elevation of object when first seen  
B - Elevation of object when last seen

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## I. SOURCE:

Age: 34

Mailing Address: Detroit, Maine

Occupation: Unemployed

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source was a World War II veteran whose combat experiences somewhat affected his stability. Although his answers were generally consistent, his reliability can not be properly judged.

## III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTINGS:

a. On the morning of the 31st of January 1955, SOURCE was awakened by his wife at 0950Z and his attention called to the object. The object appeared to be spherical in shape and approximately the same size as a basketball held at arm's length. The object appeared to be orange in color changing to yellow and then to a bright white. As SOURCE observed the object (only one object was visible) it appeared to move in a spinning fashion from left to right during the course of two hours he observed it. The object appeared to grow smaller. There were no extraneous features other than at times it appeared to drip sparks. No sound was audible. Object appeared as described until 1150Z at which time it reached the end of its route then diminished to the size of a star, simultaneously diminishing in brilliance, then was extinguished.

b. Later sightings on the 4th, 8th and 9th of Feb 55 were the same as described above. Object was sighted again on 11 Feb 55 at approximately 0955Z, but disappeared behind clouds after twenty minutes.

c. At period of first reporting SOURCE was awakened by his wife who was alarmed by strange illumination in their bedroom. The object was at approximate azimuth of 135° and approximate angle of elevation of 35° when first sighted (this applies to all later sightings by SOURCE), and at last point in course object had approximate azimuth of 160° and approximate angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting, SOURCE stated that clouds blanketed object, and it became impossible to observe. Object from first appearance through all sightings moved in the following manner: appeared to be quivering, shifting from left to right, but actual movement was cartwheeling glide along path of line given in Incl #2 of this part (135° SE, angle of elevation approximately 35° to 160° SE and angle of elevation of 45°. At last sighting this route was obscured by clouds). During first four sightings, object reached the peak of its route simultaneously with the rising of the sun then diminished to the size of a star and "Abruptly Went Out". At last sighting, object was obscured by clouds. During the first four sightings, length of time of sighting was approximately two hours and last sighting was of 20 minutes duration.

d. The time and dates of sightings are as follows:

SIGHTING	DATE TIME GROUP	TIME DISAPPEARED
1st	31/0950Z Jan 55	1150Z
2nd	04/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
3rd	08/0950Z Feb 55	1150Z
4th	09/0900Z Feb 55	1150Z

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SUBJECT: DATE TIME GROUP TIME: 11/09/62 1400 55 0950Z

5th

1. Light conditions at the time of sighting were bright. Source was at his home in Detroit, Michigan. Source observed the object from his bedroom window and from a position just outside his house in Detroit, Michigan. Direction of observation was from inside house through window and from outside of house.

2. Source's account of the weather conditions: Day, Clear, Still and clear. Source estimated the distance to the object from him to be approximately 3000 feet. Size appeared to be approximately one and a half feet in diameter.

## 2 Incls

- Incl #1, Statement of Source
- Incl #2, Sketch of appearance and location of object

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Statement of [REDACTED]

## STATEMENT

On the morning of 31 Jan, my wife awakened me and called my attention to an object. As I went to the window, I noticed the object was very large and was moving. As I watched, it moved and spun, then moved to left and right. In an hour and a half time it was growing smaller, turning orange and yellowish color with a trail of sparks coming from it. I watched until 0650 (EST). It was very bright daylight then. Size was down to the size of a star but still very bright, it went into the South, disappeared and went out.

The other two times it moved same way, same order, and same speed.

[REDACTED]

## STATEMENT

A TRUE COPY:

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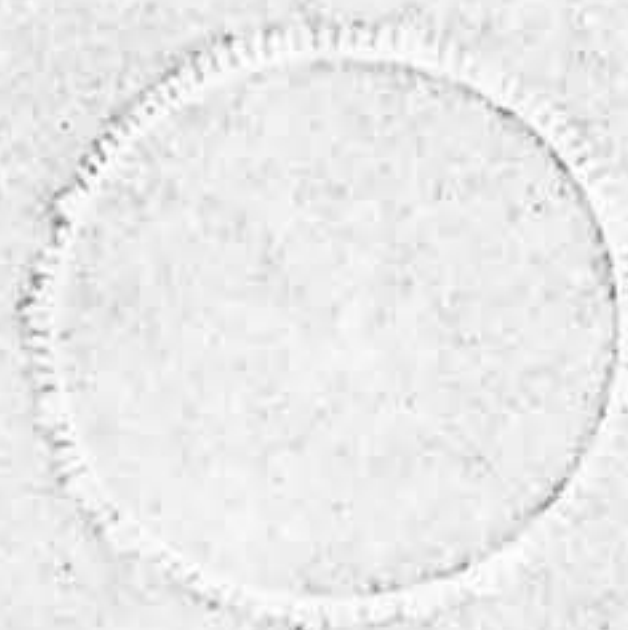
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Sheet #2, Rept 30-THIRD AIR FORCE  
Sketch of appearance and location of object (Re-finished)



Point 3 First Appearance  
Of Object Short  
Of Time Observed



Point 4 Shape Of Object  
At Time Of Observation

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## 1. Weather and wind conditions on dates of sightings (ISA 4 given)

### a. FORMOSA HARBOR, 4240, 31 Jan 55 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office)

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	25,000 thin scattered	15	plus 4° F	12	WN 3 knots
0500	6,500 broken	15	plus 5	12	WN 3 knots
0600	6,500 scattered	15	plus 7	12	WN 2 knots
0800	4,000 scattered	15	plus 7	12	WN 9 knots

### b. APUSETA HARBOR 1316 (U.S. Weather Bureau Office), 31 Jan 55

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	clear	15	plus 7	10	WN 5 knots
0500	5,000 thin scattered	15	plus 1	10	WN 5 knots
0600	12,000 thin scattered	15	plus 2	10	WN 7 knots
0700	clear	15	plus 3	10	WN 5 knots
0800	clear	15	plus 1	10	WN 13 knots

### c. HANCOCK HARBOR 1348 (AMS), 31 Jan 55

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	clear	15	1	10	WN 14 knots
0500	clear	15	plus 4	10	WN 3 knots
0600	4,000 scattered	15	4	10	WN 13 knots
0700	6,000 scattered	15	4	10	WN 14 knots
0800	22,000 thin broken	15	4	10	WN 13 knots

### d. FORMOSA, 4 Feb. 55

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	clear	15	plus 13	5	WN 14 knots
0500	clear	15	plus 13	5	WN 10 knots
0600	clear	15	plus 13	1	WN 12 knots
0700	clear	15	plus 13	1	WN 12 knots
0800	clear	15	plus 12	3	WN 14 knots

### e. APUSETA, 4 Feb. 55

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	clear	15	plus 13	2	WN 6 knots
0500	clear	15	plus 9	0	WN 8 knots
0600	clear	15	plus 8	0	WN 5 knots
0700	clear	15	plus 9	2	WN 4 knots
0800	clear	15	plus 12	2	WN 6 knots

### f. HANCOCK, 4 Feb. 55

Time	Cloud Condition	Visibility	Temp	Bar. Press	Wind
0400	clear	15	plus 7	0	WN 4 knots
0500	clear	15	plus 6	0	WN 3 knots
0600	clear	15	plus 3	0	calm
0700	clear	15	plus 0	0	calm
0800	clear	15	plus 7	2	calm

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Time (Zulu)	Cloud Conditions	Visibility	Temp	Bar. (Feet)	Wind
g. FORWARD 8 Feb 55					
0400	clear	15	plac 21	12	110 6 knots
0500	clear	15	plac 17	8	110 5 knots
0600	clear	15	plac 17	10	110 5 knots
0800	clear	15	plac 21	12	110 5 knots
h. AUGUSTA 8 Feb 55					
0400	clear	15	plac 12	7	110 7 knots
0500	clear	15	plac 13	6	110 7 knots
0600	clear	15	plac 12	5	110 10 knots
0700	clear	15	plac 13	6	110 5 knots
0800	clear	15	plac 13	5	110 8 knots
i. BANGOR 8 Feb 55					
0400	clear	15	plac 13	10	110 10 knots
0500	clear	15	plac 12	14	110 3 knots
0600	clear	15	plac 10	1	110 8 knots
0700	clear	15	plac 9	6	110 8 knots
0800	clear	15	plac 13	6	110 6 knots
j. FORWARD 9 Feb 55					
0400	3,500 scattered	15	plac 12	1	110 5 knots
0500		15	plac 10	1	110 11 knots
0600		15	plac 10	1	110 15 knots
0700		15	plac 9	1	110 10 knots
0800		15	plac 11	2	110 5 knots
k. AUGUSTA 9 Feb 55					
0400	9,000 scattered	15	plac 1	1	110 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15	plac 2	7	110 5 knots
0600	clear	15	plac 4	10	110 4 knots
0700	clear	15	plac 2	10	110 6 knots
0800	clear	15	plac 3	5	110 5 knots
l. BANGOR 9 Feb 55					
0400	10,000 scattered	15	plac 2	14	110 5 knots
0500	10,000 scattered	15	plac 3	17	110 6 knots
0600	10,000 scattered	15	plac 3	16	110 5 knots
0700	15,000 scattered	15	plac 3	20	110 4 knots
0800	clear	15	plac 3	24	calm

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## II. Weather: Inversion data on dates of sightings

a. FOREMAN (U.S. WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE)

Time	Date	Inversion Altitude	Temperature
2200 EST	30 Jan 55	4000 - 5000	-24° to -25°
1000	31 Jan 55	4000 - 7000	-20° to -26°
2200	3 Feb 55	500 - 1000	-10° to -8°
1000	4 Feb 55	500 - 2000	-8° to -6°
2200	7 Feb 55	no inversion	
1000	8 Feb 55	4000 - 9000	-12° to -11°
2200	8 Feb 55	4500 - 6500	-10° to -11°
1000	9 Feb 55	0 - 5000	-23° to -13°

## III. Time of sunrise on day of sightings

- 31 Jan 55 - 0700 EST
- 4 Feb 55 - 0654
- 8 Feb 55 - 0645
- 9 Feb 55 - 0607
- 11 Feb 55 - 0604

## IV. Data from other agencies

a. 800 - Bangor Filter Station logged single UFO reports on two days coinciding with sightings of object here considered. Both of these objects were presumed by filter station personnel to have been balloons. Neither corresponds with description of object here considered.

### 1. Sighting at Beridown, Maine (BMA-3613) 31/0800 Jan 55

- shape: round
- size: 50 to 60 feet in diameter
- color: blinking red lights
- altitude: 500 feet
- light condition: night
- length of time in sight: 20 minutes
- course: sailed out of sight

### 2. Sighting at Greenville, Maine (BMA-1993) 10/1615 Feb 55

- shape: round
- color: brown
- discernable: none
- course: orbit in northwesterly direction
- length of time in sight: 5 minutes
- altitude: seen under 3000 foot ceiling



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b. ACAT: Operations officer at Charleston (H17-5705) ACAT site stated that no aircraft were detected in the area at time of sighting.

c. AWS: Day AWS weather station Bangor Maine (H17-1345) revealed that no weather balloons had been released from the Day station or from other stations in the area on the day of the sighting.

d. Weather Forecaster: Eugene 1616 AM, Maine was consulted concerning various meteorological phenomena. Although inversions did exist on the morning of the sighting, he indicated that light wave lengths are too short to reflect from an inversion layer. While reflection might result from light meeting the inversion layer, the visual phenomenon would be weak and diffuse, and would thus not correspond with the sources description of the object. A mirage of the sun would not be possible, according to base forecaster, without the use of a lens. A "mirage", he stated would not occur before sunrise, whereas the object sighted added in brilliance as the sun arose.

e. Colby College: A check with the science faculty of Colby College, Waterville, Maine (H17-2132) revealed no meteorological or other projects originating from the college which might have a bearing on the sighting.

f. University of Maine: Professor [REDACTED] Director of the Astronomical Observatory at the University of Maine, Orono (H17-1952) stated that no projects from the university science facilities could have any bearing upon the sighting. He was definite in stating that no bodies such as meteors or comets could have caused the phenomenon. The course of a meteor is observed for only a few seconds, while the appearance of a comet would constitute a major astronomical event, and would have been observed in the same latitude around the world. He suggested the planet Venus as an explanation, but could not account for the brilliance described by sources. The university observatory was not manned at the time of the sighting. Professor Jordan discounted the possibility of weather phenomena occasioning the sighting described because of the abnormal and brilliance of the object.

g. CIA: Investigators were informed of existence of rotating aerial navigational light atop Dixmont Mountain (H17-5542), the point over which the object first appeared during sightings. A check with the Old Town CIA Range Reporting Station revealed that the Dixmont Mountain light had been partially inoperative since 8 February. The rotating mechanism was out of order, and at the present writing is awaiting gears for its repair. On 31 January and 4 February, however, light was logged in operation. Light is extinguished after dawn by an electronic eye mechanism which is sensitive to the light of the sun. There is also a navigational beacon light above the water tower at Unity, Maine (H17-4137).

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I. Other individuals observing the object, mentioned in Ethel Wyman's report, were not available for questioning. Having interrogated the three SOURCES, investigators remained in Pittsfield, Maine (HRO-3647) the night of 10 Feb 55. According to arrangements with [REDACTED], investigators were summoned to his residence at 0940Z (0440 EST) the following morning, 11 Feb. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that object had reappeared at 0940Z and behaved in fashion similar to that of previous sightings. When investigators arrived in Detroit (HRO-4347) at 1000Z (0500 EST), intending to photograph object, it had disappeared behind cloud formation and did not reappear. No sighting of object was made en route. There was no doubt, however, of the similarity of the SOURCES' testimony.

II. Certain inconsistencies will be noted in comparing the three descriptions of the sightings. To [REDACTED] for example, the object described a definite easterly arc before moving to the west, while [REDACTED] noticed no decided easterly movement. [REDACTED] observation, however, was made by sighting object against a window frame. His own movement would have affected the observed course of the object. While one SOURCE reports bright moonlight, another stated that there was no moon. Allowance must be made for inconsistency in describing details which might affect the explanation of the sighting, since SOURCES were untrained in reporting such phenomena and could easily have confused circumstances of five separate sightings.

III. An inversion would apparently not result in a reflection in any way corresponding to the clear, bright image described by the sources (see par IV A, PART FOUR, this report). The Diamond Mountain light, therefore, even though known to have been stationary at the time of three of the sightings, does not provide a cogent explanation of the sighting unless the existence of a true reflector can be established.

IV. A more satisfactory explanation is the course of the planet Venus. Reference to the 1955 Air Almanac issued by the U.S. Naval Observatory revealed that from 0500 to 0700 EST on 9 Feb 55, Venus would have been seen in the southeast from Detroit, Maine. It would have risen from fourteen degrees to the horizon to forty-five degrees, moving in a westerly direction. Bearing and course of planet on days of other sightings varied only slightly. The planet diagram in the almanac indicates the apparent size of Venus to be about one third the diameter of the sun and its brightness (minus four magnitude) greater than any celestial body after the sun and moon. Inasmuch as the elevation, bearing, course, and apparent speed of Venus were almost identical with those of the object, this explanation of the sighting is favored. The differing descriptions of the shape of the object and the changes in shape reported by SOURCES might result from the fact that most of the sightings were made through window glass. The changes in color can be ascribed to dust particles in the atmosphere. Sources reported that the object appeared largest when first sighted, and decreased in size as it rose. Venus appears larger when closest to the horizon, due to refraction through the whole atmosphere, just as the sun is much larger in appearance at sunrise than at midday. While one SOURCE (Ethel Wyman) stated that light from object awakened her, she also reported bright moonlight during the sightings. It seems reasonable to assume that some of the light which illumined SOURCE's bedroom was reflected from the moon. SOURCES agreed that in final stage of observation object resembled a bright star.

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11. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying object was sighted from Detroit, Maine (lat 64-34) at 51/0950Z Jan. 5, (0450 EST). Object remained visible for two hours. Object resembled an aircraft, but the first time on 4, 8, 9 and 11 Feb. Practically identical pattern of behavior was reported on other occasions, except on 11 Feb. when object was observed by clouds after 1500Z. No observation. Interrogation of persons observing object and investigation of related data was conducted in order to determine cause of phenomena.

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Dear Major Foster:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 25 March 1960 concerning your intention to write a magazine article on an unidentified flying object sighting in Alaska during the winter of either 1954 or 1955.

In your letter you state that this is a solved case. The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio has no record of this sighting and, therefore, the evaluation or solution must have been made locally at the time.

This office has no objection to your writing on this particular sighting for publication provided the manuscript is submitted to this office for security, accuracy and policy clearance in accordance with AFM 190-4.

Sincerely,


LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
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REMARKS <p>Larry- This is a doozey. To begin, we have no record of this case in the files here. Also, for your info only, our UFO non-com here, Sgt. Bolieu, was working under Foster in Alaska during the time mentioned and he knows nor remembers anything of the case. A Maj. Cooper here, who was also there at the time, knows nothing of it. Significantly, Foster himself doesnt remember whether it was the winter of 1954 or 1955. How in the hell can he write objectively about it?</p> <p>With reference to paragraph of <del>his</del> his letter, I think he should be told that the Air Force, and particularly ATIC has the responsibility for <del>investigation</del> investigation of UFO and we have no desire to interest others, who are not qualified nor responsible, in making a latent investigation. Especially since a solution must have been arrived at locally in the Alaskan Command, and ATIC was not even advised.</p> <p>Looks to me like he is trying to get into something he knows little about.</p>			
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Reply to: Major Arthur G Foster  
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SUBJECT: Release of Information of Solved UFO Investigation

TO: Hq USAF Public Information Office  
Washington 25, DC

THRU: Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF  
Washington 25, DC

1. For the benefit of the Air Force space research program I would like to obtain the release of information concerning an investigation of an "unidentified flying object" in Alaska conducted during the winter of either 1954 or 1955. It is possible that valuable information might be obtained by either a suitable USAF team or some interested university team if this requested information were made available. Although the investigation led to a "solved" case, very little information of the sighting was made public.

2. As a member of the 5004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Alaskan Air Command, I investigated the case outlined below. As a navigator, amateur astronomer, electronics engineer and nuclear instrumentation technician, I have recently come to the conclusion that a number of questions remained unanswered in that investigation. Since the "object" was assumed to be a meteorite, no further interest was taken following conclusion by the Air Force of the investigation. Now, however, information to be gained from examination of the object or the impact area might be of great interest to the Air Force in its present search for knowledge of space thru examination of free-falling bodies which occasionally come within the gravitational field of the earth. Much useful information has already been gleaned from microscopic and macroscopic examination of meteorites "captured" by the earth. The intriguing thing about this particular meteorite is that it burned brightly for some 15 minutes after impact with the frozen tundra in western Alaska!

3. The object burned so brilliantly that it was seen thru a dense and widespread blizzard that covered the whole of western Alaska. It was so intense that it was seen thru clouds and snow and overcast, in early daylight conditions, over distances of several hundred miles, for 15 minutes after impact. Since there are no trees or brush in the area, or other known inflammable material, and since even the largest previously known meteorites (such as the great Siberian meteorite early in the 1900's) generate only sufficient heat energy, during passage thru the atmosphere and upon impact, to start a forest fire but immediately lose their own heat after the impact, this particular "meteorite" has some rather startling and unexplained characteristics. It burned with the brilliance of a hydrogen bomb and for about the same length of time as the first hydrogen bomb exploded by this country. And for the first 36 hours of the investigation, the Alaskan Air Command was convinced that an enemy hydrogen explosion had taken place far to the west.

4. Reports came into Alaskan Air Command early one morning from widely scattered GOC posts and from school children and teachers at Bethel and other such points.




They had seen a brilliant light thru the blizzard and overcast, to the west of their position. The light flared for fifteen minutes. No noise was heard which means the object must have been a long distance from them. A little later a report was received from Unalakleet, far to the north. There the light had been seen in a southwesterly direction. Late in the investigation a report was received from Univak Island revealing they had seen the light to the northeast. This established, thru triangulation, that the light source was on the mainland of Alaska. Up to this time there was no knowledge of a meteorite.

5. Early in the investigation no USAF or civil aircraft had been reported as airborne in the vicinity of the sighting. Belatedly, it was learned that a B-50 weather reconnaissance aircraft operating out of Eielson AFB had been in the area. The crew members were routed from bed at their homes at 0200 in the morning for interrogation and the information immediately telephoned to Elmendorf AFB. The crew members admitted they had seen a tremendously large meteor about ten minutes prior to a normal radio reporting sequence but for unexplainable reasons had not reported the phenomena.

6. Both pilots stated the meteor had looked as large as an orange held at arms length and had appeared to be heading straight for the aircraft on a course nearly parallel to the earth's surface. Then it became apparent that the path of the object was downward and to the right of the aircraft which was heading south and a little west. The pilot had estimated the object disappeared thru the undercast from 1 to 10 miles ahead and evidently burned for a long time after striking the ground somewhere off to the right. From their position at the time, however, compared with the impact point established by triangulation, the object was more than 100 miles ahead of the aircraft when it crossed its path. The impact area of the object was found to be an area about 30 miles long by 15 miles wide in a very desolate, uninhabited region. No greater accuracy was possible with the sparse information available. No person is known to have gone to the area to determine exactly the impact location.

7. Questions which might be answered by further investigation are: What condition or material could have caused the long-burning intense brilliance of the object? (Almost all known meteorites are rich in iron or rock with minute distribution of many other elements including uranium) Was the object a member of known swarms orbiting in our solar system? (Perhaps this could be determined by the approach path of the object and the known time of sighting) Was the object actually a meteorite? (No attempt at sensationalism intended) Is there any residual radioactivity in the area? Since the apparent path of the orbit resembles orbits of some of the Russian satellites of 1957 and later, is it possible the Russians even in 1954 or 1955 had attempted such a launching? And if so, would knowledge of this influence our present Air Force planning?

8. If no objection is forthcoming -- and incidentally if Air Force is uninterested in further search or examination -- I request permission to write an article for magazine publication on this sighting, in the hope of interesting others who might wish to investigate the area. Your permission is dependent, of course, on the national interest, but I would appreciate a response to this inquiry.

  
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January 1955  
Wilmington, California

Source: UFO Investigator July-August 1960

January, 1955; Wilmington, Cal.—  
A dome-shaped UFO similar in form to a World War I helmet was sighted at about 11:00 p.m. by Aitor Loback. The UFO, which first resembled a meteor, approached at low altitude and hovered in plain sight. A green-lit projection like a mast then became visible on the top, and a greenish light shone from what looked like portholes. A metallic clanking noise and a whining noise like a generator were heard for a few seconds, then the lights went out and the UFO began moving slowly, losing altitude, one edge tilted down in the direction of motion. Before the UFO moved off, it passed at an estimated distance of less than 700 feet and appeared to be metallic.



## Oregonians Sight Eerie Blue Light

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 28—(AP)—A strange blue light is reported bobbing in the air over the Blue mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway these cold winter nights.

It was first seen about two weeks ago. A state highway department snowplow team of Samuel (Swede) Erickson and Barney Thompson reported that they saw a blue light on the highway ahead of them. Erickson, driving, told this story:

He dimmed his lights. There was no change in the blue light which seemed to be coming toward him on the highway.

Erickson stopped. So did the blue light. Then it started moving up, down and sideways. After a moment of this, it moved upward and vanished over the trees to the left, with a hum.

A week later, Robert Backus, another plow driver, stopped to check one of his chains. As he stood outside he noticed with some surprise that he was casting a shadow. Then he looked up, he said, and overhead was the blue light bobbing and from it came a humming sound.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1	Chochise, New Mexico	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
2	Del Ray Beach, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
2	Miramar NAS, California	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
3	Bettles, Alaska (CASE MISSING)	Military	Other (MISSILE)
4	Pomona, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
5	Long Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Flying Tigers Flt 939	Astro (METEOR)
7	Kings Landing, California	[REDACTED] (TAPES)	Aircraft
7	Platte City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Fort Wayne, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
7-15	San Diego, California	[REDACTED] <i>following this folder</i>	1. Astro (MARS) 2. Aircraft
9	May Port, Florida	Military	Aircraft
9	Dobbins Afb, Georgia	[REDACTED] (Multi)	Balloon
10	Bethesda, Maryland	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
11	Okinawa (CASE MISSING)	Military Air	Insufficient Data
12	Saipan	Wx Observer	Astro (RIGEL)
14	Milan & Green City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Balloon
14	New York City, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
15	New York City, New York	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	Other (PHOTO ANALYSIS: REFLECTION)
15	Ellesmere Island, Canada	Military	Other (CONTRAILS)
15	New Orleans, Louisiana	Multiple	Aircraft
17	Blackstone, Virginia	Military	Insufficient Data
18	Bowling Green, Kentucky	[REDACTED]	1. Aircraft (REFUEL OPR) 2. Aircraft 3. Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
19	Palm Springs, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
19	San Diego, California	[REDACTED]	
	Pacific Beach, California	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
19	San Diego, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
23	Wilton, Connecticut	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
25	Snowhill, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Other (FLARE)
28	Baltimore, Maryland	Multiple (PHYSICAL S)	Other (DETERGENT BUBBLE)
28	Edwards AFB, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Palm Springs, California	[REDACTED]	Balloon

## ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
2-14	Venezuela, Florida, Texas, New York	DHM	Meteors
6	New Zealand	Newsclipping	Meteor, Bolide
13	Texas-Mississippi	Newsclipping	Meteor
21	Horseheads, New York	Newsclipping	Angel Hair/Waste Product from Milk Plant



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### I. SOURCE:

Age: 66

Education: Grade School, Maine Central Institute (HS)

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] WYCKHOUT, MAINE

Phone: Pittsford 140-5

Occupation: Town Selectman, Civil Defense Director,  
Rail Commissioner.

II. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE: Source was fairly prosperous middle-aged man, active in community affairs. He was a man of average intelligence and obviously a responsible citizen. He had, however, an impulsive nature, and it is felt that some of his judgments were hasty. Source was considered fairly reliable and his information possibly true, although inaccurate in certain details.

### III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. On 3 Feb 55 at approximately 0950Z SOURCE was requested to visit the residence of [REDACTED] unemployed resident of DETROIT, MAINE, where, together with occupants of the house, he participated in observation of an unidentified object. SOURCE had not seen a similar object before and was very interested in its origin, connecting it at first with some unpublished experiment conducted by U.S. Armed Forces, and then with the presence of navigational beacon lights situated on a water tank in UNION, MAINE (HARR 4137) and/or DEDMONT MOUNTAIN (HARR 5542). SOURCE reported the sighting to Wing Adjutant, 4711th Air Defense Wing at FRIESBURG ILS AB (HARR 5740).

b. The edges of the object were sharply outlined as those in a bright star. It resembled an irregular cone, similar to a pine-cone, which gradually changed its shape to a circular object before beginning movement along course indicated in paragraph below. SOURCE was unable to state anything definite with regard to the substance of the object; however, he noted its changes in shape, and advanced a supposition that it was made of metal, most likely tin, had an approximate diameter of four feet, and could be compared with a circular saw blade used on sawing machines. This size diminished gradually during the course of sighting, equalling the size of a pinpoint at final stage of observation. SOURCE was not very sure how large the object would appear when compared with other familiar objects held in the hand and at about arm's length, but suggested comparison with a grapefruit. (Pt 2 & 3, Incl #2)

c. The object emitted a white-bluish light during the entire period of observation, with variable degree of intensity. Since there were no other objects in the area to distract SOURCE'S attention, he was in position to notice that the object did not break up into smaller parts, did not explode at any time and although it did flicker, it did not give off smoke, nor did it leave any other trails. He was also quite sure that at no time did the object move behind or in front of a cloud. It was positively brighter than the background of the sky, reaching the intensity of an acetylene torch flame. No sound of any kind were heard by SOURCE during the entire duration of sighting.

d. SOURCE was not aware of the object until he was notified by John Wyman of its existence, and not until he arrived at the other's residence.

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The object when he first noticed it, was located in Southeast direction from [REDACTED] home, at approximately 155 degrees azimuth and 40 degrees elevation. Considering this position as the apex of an imaginary arc, the object traveled approximately forty degrees to the left of apex, as seen from the position of SOURCE, and then reversed its course travelling approximately eighty (80) degrees along the arc and again returned to the apex. (Pl. 1, In. 1, 2). SOURCE stated that he was looking still in Southeast direction when object disappeared from view and estimated its position at that time to be 225 degree bearing and 45 degree elevation. Object did appear to stand still at certain stages of the observation and when in movement it proceeded at a steady rate of speed; however, he was not able to estimate the speed, even though he was observing the object for thirty-five (35) minutes. Prior to its disappearance, the object became smaller as dawn approached and finally flickered out.

e. Initial observation of the object by SOURCE was conducted through the window glass from the interior of [REDACTED] home. Later on, SOURCE went outdoors and used, what he called, "night and day type binoculars" to observe the movement of the object. This equipment proved to be an average commercial type binocular of rather early vintage and considerably less powerful than any similar equipment of Air Force issue.

f. SOURCE observed the object from 03/0950Z Feb 55 to approximately 03/1025Z Feb 55, with no trace of daylight, many stars in the sky and no moonlight, the entire area being pitch dark. During the final stage of observation sun began to rise to the left of SOURCE, who was facing Southeast.

g. During the entire period of observation SOURCE was located at DETROIT (SOURCE, BRNO 4347), MAINE, inside and outside of Wyman's residence located in open countryside, with both inhabitants of the house, John and Evelyn Wyman, being present. The approximate distance to the object as estimated by SOURCE was five thousand (5,000) feet.

h. There was clear sky, dry weather, no wind and rather low temperature in the area of observation, according to SOURCE. He added, that prior to his departure for Detroit, while still at PITTSFIELD (SOURCE, BRNO 3647), MAINE, his attention was attracted to a rather bright star of blue-white color, very large, approaching the size of a grapefruit, stationary, located at approximately 170 degrees azimuth and 45 degrees elevation.

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1. Statement of [REDACTED]
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Statement of R. E. Butler

STATEMENT

Thursday, February 8, 1955, I received telephone call from [redacted] stating that a disturbance in the sky was causing his family to be alarmed. The time of call was 0450 EST. Distance to flying was about 52 miles.

On arriving at the [redacted] home the following I saw:

1. Round object in sky 4 ft. in dia. color blue white.
2. Changes of object, first the shape was like a pine cone, second went back to circle form and started to move to the east and then back to center and then to the west.

Distance from center to east and center to west about the same. It held the same size at all times while going to east back to center. From time to time when in center of circle it would grow small and then back to the 4 ft. circle.

At no time did while moving there call speaker or make any noise.

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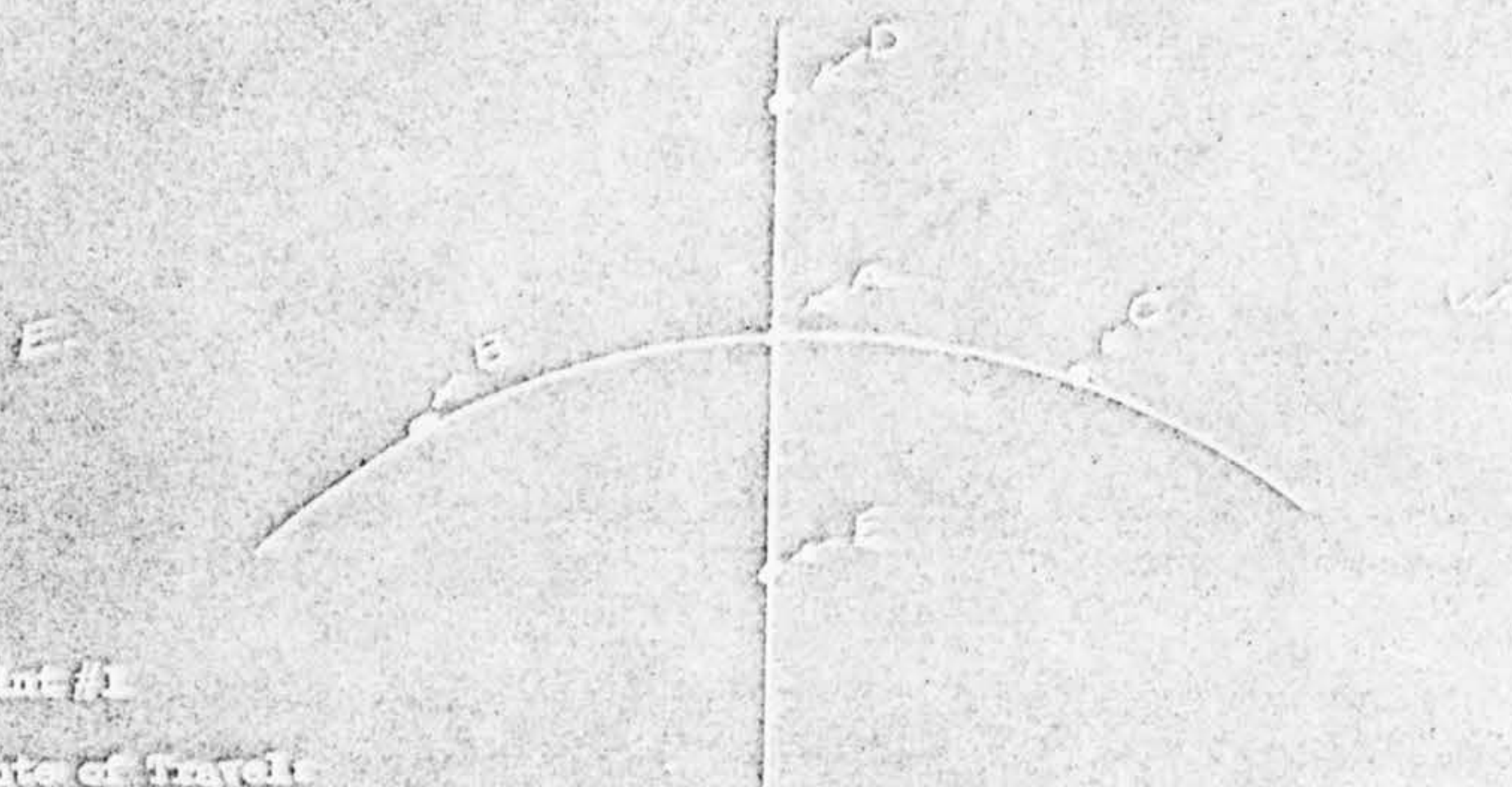
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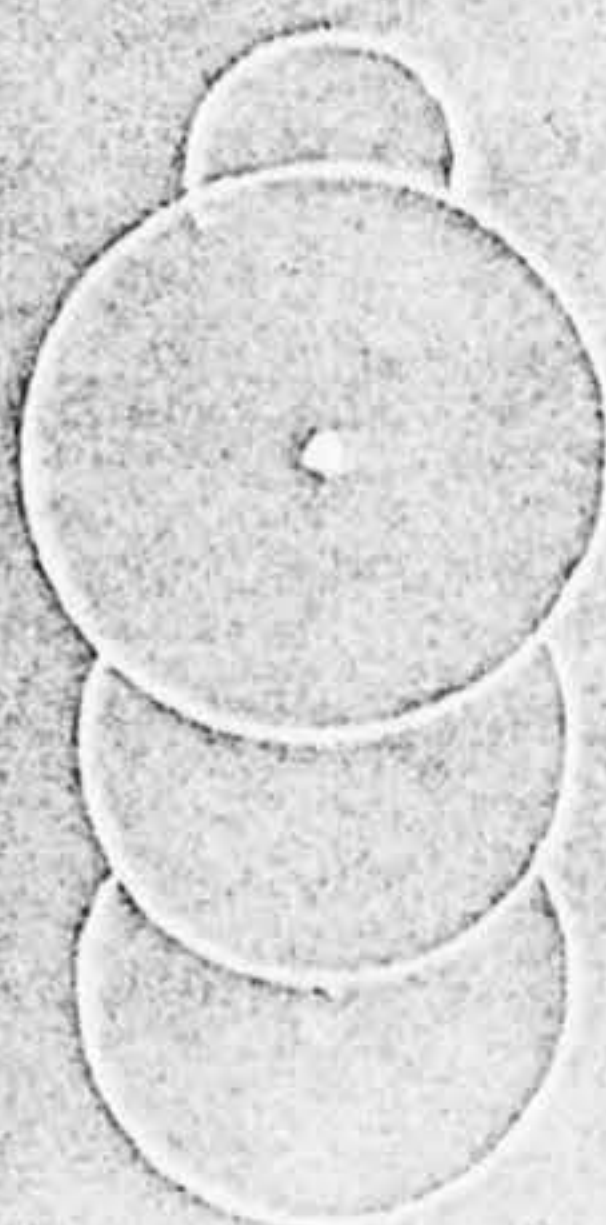
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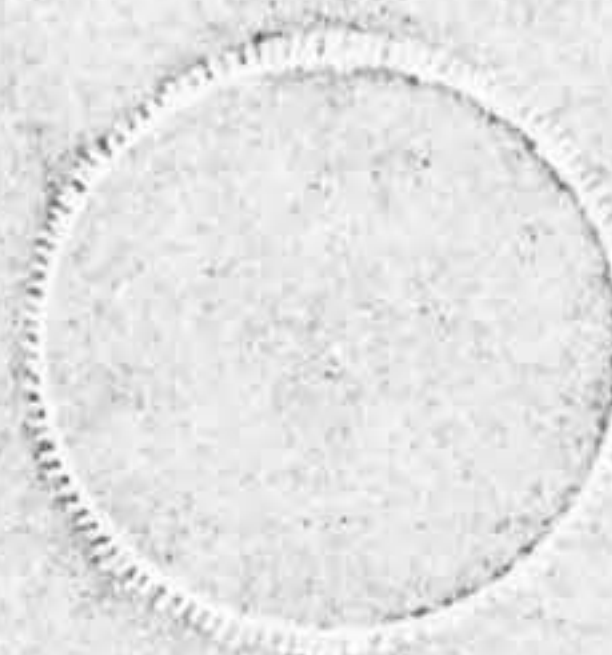


Point #1

Route of Travel  
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Point #2 Shape at Initial Sighting



Point #3 Shape at time of disappearance

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I. SOURCE [REDACTED]

Age: 37

Residing Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Housewife

Education: High School Graduate

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was a competent housewife and mother of two young children. She was a cheerful, intelligent woman whose stability was evidenced in her obviously efficient domestic management. SOURCE had little technical knowledge, but her answers were clear and well considered. SOURCE was considered reliable and her information probably true.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:

a. SOURCE was awakened on 31 Jan 55 at approximately 0950Z by a bright light illuminating the interior of her house. She noticed an unidentified shiny object in the sky, awakened her husband and together with him observed the object for a period of approximately two (2) hours until 1150Z 31 Jan 55.

b. Similar observation of the object was made by SOURCE and her husband on 4 Feb 55, whereby the time of initial sighting, duration of sighting and disappearance time, were approximately identical with those noted during the initial sighting.

c. Additional sightings were made by SOURCE on 8 Feb 55, this time in the presence of local Civil Defense Director [REDACTED] and two other persons living in the immediate vicinity of SOURCE, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and on 9 Feb 55 with SOURCE and her husband being again principal witnesses. Object was sighted again on 11 Feb 55 at 0950Z, but was hidden by clouds after twenty (20) minutes of observation.

d. The object, when observed by SOURCE from apparently closest distance during the observation, possessed sharply outlined edges and resembled an overwise top with two inverted cones joined together at the base and a distinct circular protrusion forming a hump around the point of junction (Pt. 1, Incl. 2). The object changed its shape during subsequent stages of observation to an irregular triangle and later on, when moving away from the observers, becoming a luminous star-shaped ball.

e. SOURCE was fairly certain about her estimate of the size of object, comparing it in its largest stage to a bucket which gradually diminished to an object the size of a grapefruit and shaped like an irregular triangle. Prior to disappearance it became a luminous ball of the size of a star.

f. Color of the object, as reported by SOURCE, could be compared in the initial stage of sighting to bright headlights of an automobile seen at a distance of several yards away. This color changed occasionally to flashes of green and red, at certain times during sightings.

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## STATEMENT

On January 31, 1955, at 0400 hours, I was awakened by a light flash. I looked out and saw an object. I called my husband and we watched it. The object was in the sky. It was very bright and it seemed to be moving. It moved away and then back toward me. It then became smaller and moved in an arc in a westerly direction until it became a thin streak of light and then disappeared. At that time it was 0400 hours, local time.

On 2 February I saw the object in same position. I had arisen previously to watch for it. The object was not as large and seemed to travel in same direction as before and along the same way.

On 8 February I was again awakened by light. My husband called to me and we watched the object until it disappeared in same manner as before.

On 9 February my husband called me at 0015 hours. There was an object in a new direction from that seen before. It changed its color from red to green moving up to same position as before and acting as it had on other occasions. The only difference was that this time I put on my glasses after the color had changed to star shape. With glasses the star appeared roughly triangular without rays.

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